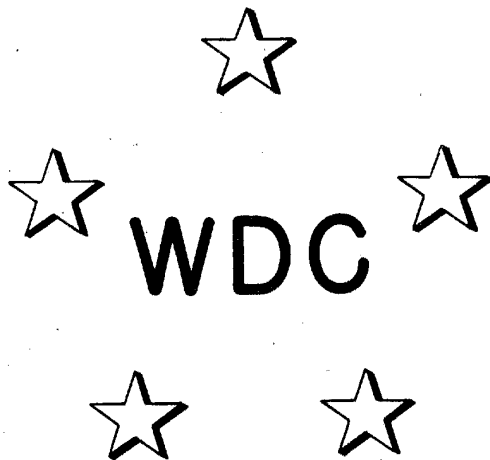


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This is a complete translation of two intelligence reports on military preparations in eastern USSR issued by the Operations Department of the Kwantung Army in June 1945.

The first, Report No 21, dated 20 June, is a recapitulation of all information obtained through spies, travelers and reconnaissance concerning the Soviet movement of troops and supplies to strategic positions in eastern Siberia during the period 20 February to 1 June. Particular emphasis is placed on special types of equipment shipped eastward after release from service on the western front due to the end of the war in Europe. This report is supplemented with one table.

The second, Report No 24, dated 21 June, is a detailed summary of intelligence concerning military developments in eastern USSR during the period 10 June to 20 June obtained from various sources such as radio intelligence, spy reports, and interrogation of prisoners. The report discusses numerous phases of Soviet preparations, including redeployment of troops, changes in organization, espionage activities, maneuvers, construction of fortifications, shipment of supplies and reinforcements, and shipment of lend-lease equipment from the US. In this report the Japanese attempt to evaluate the significance of developments along the front in relation to a possible outbreak of war between the USSR and Japan. The report is supplemented with three tables.

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REPORT NO 21, TRANSFER OF SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH TO THE EAST
FROM 20 FEBRUARY TO 1 JUNE 1945

20 June 1945

I. SUMMARY

The diversion of Russian troops from the European front to the east, which began towards the end of February, has increased greatly since the latter part of April. This increased movement has continued up to the present. It is estimated that since the latter part of April troops have been transported eastward at the rate of 12 to 16 train-loads a day.

Until the end of April the bulk of the troops transferred to the east was comprised of air units, antiaircraft units and units directly attached to the armies (artillery, and tank units, etc.). Since May, in addition to the air units and units directly attached to armies, it is strongly suspected that transfer of supply trucks and rifle divisions has begun.

II. ESTIMATE OF MILITARY STRENGTH TRANSFERRED

1. 20 Feb - 30 Apr (See table for details.)

Aircraft: about 1,800. (About four divisions of attack planes and five divisions of fighter planes. An additional 900 planes were sent as replacements to the east.)

Tanks: about 200 (about two brigades of comparatively old-type tanks).

Powerful antiaircraft units composed of antiaircraft artillery, antiaircraft machine guns and searchlights.

In addition, part of the heavy artillery, light artillery, antitank gun and self-propelled gun units directly attached to armies; personnel and materiel replacements.

Personnel transferred number at least 100,000.

2. May (*1) (See table for details.)

6 to 7 rifle divisions

At least 1,150 aircraft. (About ten divisions. Of these 650 are fighter planes, 240 are attack planes, 260 are unidentified.)

At least 400 tanks (four brigades of T-34-type tanks comprise the bulk of these).

In addition, powerful heavy artillery, light artillery, anti-tank gun, antiaircraft artillery, antiaircraft machine cannon, and bridge (pontoon)-building units directly attached to armies; personnel and materiel replacements.

Personnel transferred numbered at least 150,000.

3. 1 Jun - 10 Jun

See table for statistics. (Estimates are incomplete, these figures being the only ones available.)

(*1) [Statistics on] Soviet military strength on the Eastern USSR front for May are mean statistics based on data gathered by the Kwantung Army,

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III. OBSERVATIONS IN THE AREA TO WHICH SHIPMENTS WERE MADE

Although it is difficult to ascertain data on this area, we believe that until 10 May a large part of the air units and anti-aircraft defense units, which formed the main body of the military strength sent to the east, were deployed along the southern coast, and it appeared that the air defenses of Voroshilov and Vladivostok were being strengthened. However, since the middle of May the deployment of these units to the Eastern Sector has ceased entirely and the bulk of shipments to the coast has been sent to the Northern and Western Sectors to provide sufficient air defenses for railroads, bridges, and other strategic points. Also, since a large part of the increasingly large number of trucks and other vehicles has been sent to the Eastern Sector since the middle of May, it is suspected that Rear Services units there are being augmented.

Since transfer of military strength to the east is continuing as usual in spite of the general decrease in deployment to the Eastern Sector since the first of June, it is believed that forces are being deployed to the Northern and Western Sectors. Also, some forces are being left between Chita and Irkutsk.

From the above conditions it can be seen that the Soviet plan for increasing military preparations is first to fortify the Eastern Sector and next the Northern and Western Sectors. It has been observed that since the middle of May air units and anti-aircraft defense units have been sent to the Northern and Western Sectors consecutively, and other units have followed since 1 June.

IV. OBSERVATIONS ON THE CONTENT OF SHIPMENTS

Judging from the content of the shipments of military equipment to the east, shipment of new-type armament which appeared in the Russo-German War is evident, and there is a marked increase in the preparations of the Eastern Soviet Army, especially of the air forces.

1. Aircraft

New-type pursuit planes (LA-5, LA-7, Yak-9) and attack planes (IL-2) have been a significant part of the equipment sent east. It seems that at least 50 percent of the Eastern Soviet Army's aircraft has been replaced by the newest-type planes. Since the beginning of June the Soviets have begun to send to the east a new-type bomber, the PA-2.

It is necessary to consider the redistribution by means of air transportation of the Soviet European Bomber Command, but as yet we have no intelligence on this situation.

2. Tanks and Guns

The tank equipment of the Eastern Soviet Army, most of which is outmoded, is continually being strengthened by shipment to the east of new T-34 tanks and SU-85 self-propelled guns (gradual increase since May).

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12-cm cannon, 10-cm cannon, 15-cm howitzer, rocket gun, antiaircraft gun, and antitank gun units directly attached to armies, and 76-mm mountain and field artillery, regimental artillery, and divisional artillery units are an important part of the artillery which has been sent to the east. In view of the Soviet policy of breaking through fortified positions with artillery as the principal supporting force, this tendency gradually to strengthen and reorganize artillery units directly attached to armies, which were formerly very weak, with heavy artillery as a basis, as on the European front, deserves special attention.

3. River-crossing Materials

The sending to the east of steel boats, collapsible boats, bridge girders, etc., can be construed as increasing the strength of the bridge-building units directly attached to armies, and deserves special attention as it is indicative of one phase of the Soviet plan of attack.

4. Antiaircraft Weapons and Equipment

Between 20 April and 10 May there was extensive transfer to the east of antiaircraft guns, antiaircraft machine cannon, searchlights, and sound detectors. Most of these were deployed to the regions along the southern coast and were allocated for the strengthening of the antiaircraft defenses of Voroshilov and Vladivostok. Since the middle of May these weapons and pieces of equipment have been sent primarily to the Northern and the Western Sectors. (However, as compared with the early part of May this has been negligible.)

5. Trucks and Rear Services Vehicles

Since the early part of May the transfer of trucks to the east has been very evident. There is some suspicion that part of these are Line of Communications vehicles. However, since the units sent to the east are all cadres, their tables of equipment must not be completely filled, and from this fact and the fact that there are a great many special motor vehicles (covered trucks, vans, etc., which often make up one fourth of the total number of vehicles) we might conclude that the vehicles are being used to complete the tables of equipment of the units in question, and as divisional transports. Since we cannot yet determine definitely whether independent Line of Communication units are being sent to the east, the situation bears further investigation.

In spite of the tendency to divert the military strength sent to the east to the Northern and Western Sectors since the middle of May, the fact that most of the trucks are being sent to the Eastern Sector, as before, is in accordance with the Soviet plan to reinforce the Eastern Sector first. We conclude that the Rear Services units in this sector (divisional transports, etc.) are now being equipped.

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TABLE OF MILITARY STRENGTH TRANSFERRED TO THE EAST

Trains and materials sent	20 Feb - 30 Apr		May		1 Jun - 10 Jun		Total	
	Observations by Travelers	Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR	Observations by Travelers	Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR	Observations by Travelers	Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR	Observations by Travelers	Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR
Number of trains used by the Army	211 (284)	168	274 (360)	245	131 (155)	47	616 (843)	460
Estimated Personnel	72,000 (100,000)	57,000	115,000 (150,000)	222,000 Investigation Necessary	91,000 (138,000)	44,000	279,000 (278,000) [383,000]	323,000
LA-5	122	206	182	100		40	304	346
LA-7	54		40		124		218	
YAK 9	474	140	116		124		714	140
RK-3		83	275	98			275	181
MK-3		53	40		31		71	53
IL-2	229	137	240	174	89		558	311
BE-2					30		30	
BO	3	1	1	7			4	8

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Unidentified type	387	176	259	12	60	706	188
Total	1,269	796	1,153	391	458	2,880	1,227
	1,800 estimated						
K-13			15		26	41	
T-34		12	228	138	227	455	233
B T	55	69		18		55	99
T-26		55		12			105
T-27	2	6		8		2	14
T-38				20			40
T-37		8					65
Unidentified type	91	165	180		214	485	165
Armored cars	5			13		5	19
Total	199 (153)	315	423	209	467	1,089 (1,043)	740
24-cm howitzer			1			1	
20-cm howitzer		62					65

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Trains and materials sent	20 Feb - 30 Apr Observations by Travelers Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR	May Observations by Travelers Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR	1 Jun - 10 Jun Observations by Travelers Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR	Total Observations by Travelers Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR
15-cm howitzer	36	56	42	92
20-cm cannon		4		4
15-cm cannon	22		7	29
12-cm cannon	38	8	31	69
10-cm cannon	1	16	1	17
U/i heavy artillery	26			26
Total	37	85	81	146
12-cm howitzer	2	12	31	14
Mtn and fld artillery	16	104	96	120 (146)
U/i light artillery	69	10		79
Total	87	126	127	213 (239)

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Self-propelled guns	46					46			
Regimental guns		354			130	5	484	5	
Antitank guns	293	960	148	481	46	21	1,299	650	
Antiaircraft guns	104	428	345	94	12		544	439	
Antiaircraft machine guns	295	283	422	121	33		611	543	
Unidentified guns	32	554	23		64		650	23	
Total No of guns	894	2,790	1,404	904	335	35	3,995 (4,019)	2,343	
Machine guns			83	8		1		9 (92)	
Antiaircraft machine gun	12	24		16			36	16	
Ordinary trucks	976	3,315	974	2,766	853	139	5,144	3,879	
Covered trucks		120		420	75	39	195	459	
Truck vans				524		63		587	
Truck-trailer units				2				2	
Oil trucks	60	38		33	15	4	113	37	
Mobile generating unit					15		15		

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TABLE OF MILITARY STRENGTH TRANSFERRED TO THE EAST (Contd)

	20 Feb - 30 Apr	May	1 Jun - 10 Jun	Total
Trains and materials sent	Observations by Travelers in Eastern USSR	Observations by Travelers in Eastern USSR	Observations by Travelers in Eastern USSR	Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR
Armored trucks	6	42		6
Small trucks	41	16	5	46
Total	1,083	3,473	963	5,519
Passenger vehicles	102	365	245	5,022
Buses	2	14	69	152
Medical trucks	15	35	13	2
Tractors	2	130	4	55
Trailers	133	213	20	142
Flat cars	59	20	3	77
Ammunition trucks	16	244	51	71
Limbers		304	4	466
Supply trucks	74	1,457	180	382
			Over 20	1,711

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TABLE OF MILITARY STRENGTH TRANSFERRED TO THE EAST (Contd)

Trains and materials sent	20 Feb - 30 Apr	Observations by Travelers	Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR	May	Observations by Travelers	Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR	1 Jun - 10 Jun	Observations by Travelers	Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR	Observations by Travelers	Total Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR
Searchlights	201	27	100	10	69	20	370	57			
Sound detectors	71	43	42		14		127	43			
Intrenching tools				2		5		7			
Cranes				6		2		8			
Bridge girders			5	1			5	1			
River-crossing materials				2	4		4	2			
Engineering equipment											
Small wooden buildings				67		14		81			
Tents				122		21		143			
Horses	80	424	2,164				2,244	424			
Torpedo tubes			15				15				

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Notes:

1. The statistics within the parentheses under "Number of Trains Used by the Army" and "Estimated Personnel" are estimates based on observations made at different times.
2. The rest of the figures represent the actual observations of travelers. It is estimated that travelers saw 70% to 75% of the actual number and that "Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR" gives 90% to 100% of the actual number.
3. Since travelers' observations of aircraft during the period of 20 Feb to the end of April are inadequate, "1800 planes" is an estimate which combines the results of reconnaissance in Eastern USSR with those of the travelers.
4. Local shipments made during maneuvers are included in the figures listed under "Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR" during the period 20 Feb to 30 Apr.

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REPORT NO 24, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR
THE PERIOD FROM 20 FEBRUARY TO 1 JUNE 1945

I. SUMMARY

21 June 1945

1. Although transfer of military strength to the east is still being carried on extensively, since 1 June shipments to the Eastern Sector have tended to decrease gradually. During the middle of June there was a sharp decrease in movement of personnel, tanks, trucks, and other vehicles. At present the greater part of these shipments to the east are believed to be going to the Northern and Western Sectors.

2. Judging from information on the troop movements and from reports on the maneuvers, it is believed that most of the recent increase in activity of the troops in the border area is in conjunction with maneuvers. For the present we do not believe it represents a movement of military strength into the border area based on an aggressive plan, but the situation bears further watching.

3. The Wartime Ration Regulations, which have been reported previously, at present govern only the NKVD and are not generally applicable to the Eastern Soviet Forces.

4. Judging from the statements of an officer who escaped into Manchuria, there are no indications of plans for immediate aggression against Japan in the recent movements of the 40th Rifle Division, an organic unit of the Twenty-fifth Army.

5. The establishment of fortifications and the construction of roads along the border of Eastern Outer Mongolia are progressing steadily (*1).

6. From observation of the signal communications situation we have determined that gradual changes in the organization of the Eastern Soviet Forces have been taking place, such as activation of units and changes in disposition of units (*2).

7. Because of a work stoppage, the date for the commencement of operations of the railroad between Komsomolsk and Sovetskaya Gavan, which was scheduled for 15 June, has been postponed until 1 August.

8. During the early part of June there were no important changes in the amount of lend-lease supplies and the number of lend-lease planes shipped to Eastern USSR.

(*1) There is room for further investigation concerning the accuracy of this report,

(*2) Particularly noticeable in the southern part of Maritime Krai.

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II. TRANSFER OF MILITARY STRENGTH TO THE EAST

1. Railroad Shipments to the Eastern Sector

Railroad shipments to the southeast during the first ten days of June were still fewer than during the preceding ten days. Transfer of military personnel and shipment of tanks, guns, trucks, and other vehicles have decreased markedly, but that of airplanes has not (*1).

For a list of the principal contents of shipments during the period 10 June to 20 June and a comparison with the previous ten-day period, see Table 1.

2. Observations of Travelers

Although shipments to the Eastern Sector have generally decreased since the early part of June, according to the observations of travelers there has been no great change in the volume of military shipments to the east (averaging 12 to 16 trainloads a day), and it is evident that they are continuing as before. Most of the military equipment transferred to the east at present is believed to be going to the Northern and Western Sectors.

Table 1

Southeasterly Railroad Shipments to the Eastern Sector

Period	1 Jun-10 Jun	10 Jun-20 Jun
Total Number of Trains (Daily Av)	24	20
Number of Trains used by the Army (Daily Av)	7.3	4.1
Personnel (Estimated)	80,000	33,500
Airplanes	20	140
Tanks	236	79
Guns	62	55
Trucks	1,106	158
Other Vehicles	1,037 (About 724 transport vehicles)	239
Boats	94	4

Note: This chart is a compilation of the results of reconnaissance in the Eastern and Northeastern Sectors of Eastern USSR.

(*1) Since 1 June transfer of personnel and shipments of guns, trucks, and other vehicles have tended to decrease.

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III. MOVEMENTS OF UNITS IN BORDER AREAS

Movement of military units in the border areas of each sector has been very brisk recently. Movement of cadres has been observed, especially in the areas of Jun-Ch'un, Tung-ning, Hei-ho and Nan-chou-li. These movements are shown in Table 2.

From the information on the troop movements and the reports on the maneuvers of the Second Army and the Maritime Krai Group (movements along the border line and away from the border line have been observed), the above have been ascertained to be movements accompanying maneuvers (*1). We do not believe that at present it represents a movement of military units into the border area based on an aggressive plan.

However, since there is some suspicion that part of the border area is being strengthened by tank and artillery units, the situation bears further investigation.

From the nature of the military equipment which is being moved, it is evident that there is a tendency to improve and strengthen the organization and equipment of the Soviet Eastern Army, especially to strengthen its mechanized equipment.

IV. REPORT OF THE APPLICATION OF WARTIME RATION REGULATIONS TO THE NKVD

1. The application of wartime ration regulations to the NKVD forces in the district of Khabarovsk and in the Maritime Krai since 1 June has been as stated in our last report. Later information indicates military personnel in the Transbaikal region have also obtained tax-exemption and special allowances for field operations since 1 June in accordance with the decisions of the State Committee. (Army Report)

However, judging from the case of the 40th Rifle Division, there have been no changes in the Red Army units as yet, except for an improvement in allowances for some of them (*2).

As of 19 June there has been no decision concerning tax-exemption and the allotment of special rations for field operations of the Civil Air Lines (believed to be under the jurisdiction of the NKVD) which operate over the US-Soviet Northern Air Route.

2. From the above it appears that for the present the application of Wartime Ration Regulations is limited to such special units as the NKVD Forces and has not been extended to all of the Eastern Soviet forces.

(*1) At certain times this year activity has exceeded that of previous years. Since 1 June it has been fairly evident that comparatively large-scale maneuvers have been conducted in each sector. It is believed that these accompanied the conclusion of the Russo-German War and that in order to raise the morale of the troops, the anniversary of the beginning of this war was made the occasion of over-all maneuvers.

(*2) See Part 2, V.

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V. OUTLINE OF THE MOVEMENTS OF THE 40TH RIFLE DIVISION

We have compiled all the information gathered from 1st Lt Yuzhiarov, commander of the Antitank Rifle Platoon of the 3d Rifle Regiment of the 40th Rifle Division (formerly stationed at Zanadvorovks), but the movements of this division indicate no positive plan of aggression against Japan at present. In this divisional area there have been considerable changes in military preparations since March of this year. Although the information received from Lt Yuzhiarov bears further investigation (*1), the important points are as follows: (Class C information)

1. Recent Activities of the 40th Rifle Division

- a. The 3d Regiment advanced into the border area during the latter part of May and was scheduled to dig fire trenches from 1 June to 20 June (a defensive operation).
- b. Since April of this year, except for receiving replenishments of small arms (before April the Antitank Gun Company received 40 submachine guns) and from 15 to 30 personnel replacements (men sent back from the front lines who had regained their health), there have been no changes in the organization and the equipment of the 3d Regiment.
- c. No fundamental changes in training for combat and defense.
- d. In the realm of political instruction we heard no open anti-Japanese agitation.
- e. Since 1 June the morale of the officers and men has generally risen and the following improvements in rations have been made (*2):
 - (1) Officers were supplied with butter and tobacco without charge. The Red Army enlisted men received the same supplies (however, there was a charge). Wartime Taxes and Bachelor's Taxes are being collected as usual and no special wartime allowances have been allotted.
 - (2) The rations for noncommissioned officers and enlisted men have been increased. In addition, they have been supplied with butter and tobacco.
- f. The division first moved from Kriskino to Zanadvorovka, in August 1942, and from Zanadvorovka to its present station at BAMUBUROUO (*3), in August 1943.

2. Additional Data (Information heard by Lt Yuzhiarov)

- a. Large numbers of men were observed at Slavyanka who had returned from the front lines in European Russia about the middle of May; 1 self-propelled gun (?) was seen south of BAMUBUROUO.
 - b. The unidentified corps to which the 40th Rifle Division is attached has moved from Slavyanka. (It has been reported heretofore that the 39th Rifle Corps was stationed at Slavyanka.) About the same time the Rifle Brigade was organized into a division.
 - c. Twenty-fifth Army Headquarters is at Voroshilov. Brigadier General Makushimov was relieved of his command in the latter part of May and replaced by Brigadier General Korubovunov (?).
- (*1) It is suspected that Lt Yuzhiarov was not actually a deserter when he entered Manchuria on 16 June.
- (*2) Lt Yuzhiarov has observed that there have been improvements in the rations accompanying the close of the Russo-German War.
- (*3) Direct transliteration of place name from Japanese Romaji.

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d. The military forces in the Maritime Krai include not only the Twenty-fifth Army but also the First Army and the fleet.

VI. REPORT ON PREPARATIONS BY REAR SERVICES IN OUTER MONGOLIA

Although there is still some doubt as to the reliability of this information, judging from the statements of this man, who crossed the border unlawfully (a spy), and other information, it appears that the construction of roads and fortifications in the border area of Outer Mongolia has been progressing recently as follows:

1. Construction of a road 12 to 15 meters wide and built up to a height of 20 centimeters on the north bank of the Tomsk River has been in progress since the middle of May.
2. Since 1 June construction has been progress between Baintumen and Coloben Nela (located slightly east-northeast of Baintumen). About 50 tractors and more than 200 trucks are being used. (Above information from observers in Eastern USSR).
3. There was great activity in construction of fortifications by the Soviet Mongolian Army in the Khandagay and Arshan sectors in the latter part of May. (Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR)
4. Since the middle of May there has been great activity in the movement of trucks between Baintsagan and HAIRUHANORA (*1) and between HAIRUHANORA (*1) and Zhyurov (south of Tomsok Bulag in the Rahen Sume front). On 5 June, 15 trucks passed between HAIRUHANORA and Zhyurov. From 7 June to 13 June there was an average movement of 1 truck per day between Baintsagan and HAIRUHANORA. (Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR)

VII. CHANGES IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE EASTERN SOVIET FORCES ASCERTAINED FROM THE SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS SITUATION

In connection with the transfer of military troops to the east, it is not hard to imagine that there will be reinforcement and changes in the disposition of troops within the Eastern Soviet forces. From a study of the signal communications situation these changes are becoming more and more evident.

Although at present further investigation is necessary, the principal changes of which we are cognizant are as follows. (Information collected by the Merchant Marine)

1. Ground Forces

- a. Since 16 May we have been intercepting for the first time broadcasts from an unidentified circuit established in the area to the northeast of Voroshilov with Voroshilov as the pivotal station,

- (*1) Direct transliteration of place name from Japanese Romaji.

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b. Service has been suspended in the Defense Forces High Command of the Far Eastern Front circuit between Khabarovsk and Bikin, and between Khabarovsk and Spassk since 1 May. In addition, three new stations, which are thought to be signal communication stations with Voroshilov as their pivotal station, have become active.

c. Since 27 May a new circuit has become active in the area extending along the southern coast of the Maritime Krai with Novo Sysoyevka as its pivotal station. (Connection with aerial navigation is suspected.)

d. Although further investigation is necessary to ascertain the truth of the matter, an increase in the rifle divisions is suspected in the Babstovo and the Bidzhan sectors of the Fifteenth Army area.

2. Air Forces

a. The appearance of two divisional circuits in the Komsomolsk area and the changes in the Twelfth Army area circuit are as reported before.

b. Since 13 May a new circuit has appeared which is scattered over a wide area, with Mansovka, Khabarovsk, Birobidzhan, Kybyshevka, Merchinsk, and Chita as its pivotal stations. Although an investigation of the characteristics of this circuit is in progress, from the composition of the call signs and from the assignment of frequency numbers (limited to two classes) we can infer that it has no connection with the air forces.

c. There is some suspicion that in the Ninth and Eleventh Air Army areas there have been changes in the disposition of part of the forces and activations and changes in the disposition of organic units.

VIII. CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE EASTERN SOVIET FRONT

Although since the latter part of May there has been a tendency for construction work to increase steadily in the various fortified positions along the border, this work is only the usual repairing of fortified field positions. (Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR)

IX. ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES

Since the middle of June there has been less espionage activity in Manchuria. There has been a total of seven incidents with 14 men involved (one-half the number of the previous ten days). In Mongolia there were two incidents with five men involved (as compared with eight incidents with 27 men involved during the previous ten days).

X. PREPARATIONS BY REAR SERVICES

1. Delay in Construction of the Komsomolsk - Sovetskaya Gavan Railroad

The date for the commencement of operation of this railroad has been postponed until 1 August in accordance with the decisions of the State Defense Committee. (The previous date was 15 July.) This is due to the fact that construction operations were hampered

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by a late thaw and the sinking of the roadbed. (Navy Report)

2. Transfer of Supplies to the East

The transfer of military supplies to Eastern USSR has been going on as usual. We have the following reports:

a. An order for delivery of 51,920 army uniforms (396 officer's uniforms) to field office 83,478 (location unknown) of the storehouse of the Regional Defense Committee at Irkutsk. (Reported by the Navy on 1 June)

b. Shipment of 14,000 rubber boots (5 truck loads) is scheduled to be sent to the storehouse of the Regional Defense Commissariat from the Central Market for the Light Industries of the Union-Republican Commissariat at Novosibirsk between 6 June and 10 June. (Reported by the Navy on 25 June)

Furthermore, shipments of oil from Ulan Ude and shipments of benzine from All-Union Trusts to Suebator in Outer Mongolia amounting to 334 tons in April and 1,500 tons in May are still being sent. (Reported by the Navy on 4 June)

Travel from Moscow to Eastern USSR has been forbidden temporarily. (Reported by Navy on 10 June)

XI. US-SOVIET RELATIONS

1. It has been confirmed that American planes which flew over the Lopatka area of the Kamchatka Peninsula without authorization on 10 June were shot down by Soviet fire. (Army Report and Eastern USSR Reconnaissance)

2. In the early part of June, lend-lease planes for Russia were entering Russia as usual via the US-Soviet Northern Air Route and were sent to the Krasnoyarsk region. It has been confirmed that during the first ten days of the month 43 planes arrived at Velikalli and 50 at Krasnoyarsk. (The only arrivals at Krasnoyarsk were on 5, 6, and 7 June. The dates of the remaining arrivals are unknown).

3. In the early part of June, lend-lease supplies were being shipped to Eastern USSR as usual via the Pacific sea-lanes. Twenty-four ships of the Soviet Union were observed sailing westward through Kurile Strait and Soya Strait during the first ten days of the month. (Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR)

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Table 2 PRINCIPAL MOVEMENTS OF MILITARY STRENGTH ON THE EASTERN SOVIET FRONT

Area	Date	Military Strength Moved	Area of Movement	Remarks
Front near Sun-ch'un	23 May-31 May	Infantry: about 2,600 Regimental and battalion guns: 26 Vehicles of various types: 44	From Barabash to near Tuno- shang-t'un via Krasnychyod	Believed to be a round- trip movement of the same units
	2 Jun- 3 Jun	Infantry: about 1,490 Cavalry troops: 34 Regimental guns: 4 Battalion guns: 40 Antitank guns (?): 3 Vehicles of various types: 54	From near Tung-shang-t'un to Barabash via Krasnychyod	
Front near Tung-ning and around the Sui-fen River	1 Jun	120-mm cannon: 12 15 cm howitzers: 12	From East of Sergievskoye to Grodokovo	The advance of one regi- ment of artillery in this region deserves attention
	1 Jun	15-cm howitzers: 12	From East of Sevoievskoye to Sofiye Alekseyevskiy	
	16 Jun	45-mm antitank guns: 3 Motorized 76-mm antitank guns: 1 Tractors: 1 T-26 tanks: 2 BT tanks: 44	From Sergievskoye to Baranoooren- burgskoye to Sofie Alekseyevsky and antitank units in to the Kochuvnaya Valley area	The advance of tank units in this region deserves attention
	18 Jun	Motorized 45-mm antitank guns: 42	From Baikal Village via Route 555 to Asht Pass	

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Area	Date	Military Strength Moved	Area of Movement	Remarks	
Front near Tung-ning and around the Sui-fen River (Contd)	20 Jun	<p>Infantry: 3,100</p> <p>Motorized 15-cm howitzers: 16</p> <p>Motorized 15-cm cannon: 10</p> <p>Motorized 120-mm cannon: 11</p> <p>12-cm howitzers: 9</p> <p>105-mm cannon: 10</p> <p>Guns drawn by 4 horses: 10</p> <p>Tractors: 14</p> <p>Passenger vehicles: 5</p> <p>Trucks: 75</p> <p>Horse-drawn carts: 25</p> <p>Many other vehicles</p>	From Pokrovka to South Gvanat to Hsun-ming-t'ai to Nikololovov-sky		
Front near P'ing-yeng and around the Pan-chieh River	11 Jun	<p>Infantry: about 900</p> <p>Cavalry: about 1,690</p> <p>Unidentified guns: 14</p> <p>Ammunition wagons: 8</p>	<p>Platonovka-Khabarovsk Station, Yeh-pei-shan-Platonovka, Platonovka-Pervomaitskiy, Gryaznukha-Platonovka-Khabarovsk Station, Gryaznukha-Platonovka-yeh-pei-shan-Platonovka</p>	Believed to be movements for the maneuvers of the cavalry group	
	22 Jun	<p>Infantry</p> <p>1. 2,340</p> <p>2. 460</p> <p>3. 1,010</p> <p>4. 400</p>	<p>Cavalry</p> <p>84</p> <p>18</p> <p>29</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Horse-drawn carts</p> <p>104</p> <p>30</p> <p>about 20</p>	<p>1. From Komissarovskiy to Akimovka</p> <p>2. From Komissarovskiy-Komissarovskiy Farm</p> <p>3. Same as 2</p> <p>4. From Komissarovskiy toward the upper Sung-t'ien Mountain Range</p>

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Area	Date	Military Strength Moved	Area of Movement	Remarks
Front near Hu-t'ou	30 May	Vickers 20-cm howitzers: 12	From the direction of Iman to Pervomaitskiy	There is a marked increase in the various types of guns in this region
	30 May	105-mm cannon: 3 Unidentified guns: 4	From Ch'ing-shui Valley- toward Iman	
	9 Jun	Infantry: 760 45-mm antitank guns: 12 Antitank guns: 4 Regimental guns: 4	From Pervomaitskiy toward Kartun	
	9 Jun	Type 38 15-cm howitzers: 18 (largest number observed at one time: 12)	From Lazo Barracks toward Fylin	
Front near Sun-wu along the AMUR RIVER	21 May	Infantry: 1,397 Cavalry: 16 Regimental guns: 6 Antitank guns: 1 45-mm antitank guns: 14 Antitank rifles: 18 Provision wagons: 16 Horse drawn carts: 23	North from Blagoveshchensk along the Mukhinka Road	The increase in the number of units stationed at Blagoveshchensk deserves attention
	19 Jun	Motorized 12-cm howitzers: 3 Motorized 105-mm cannon: 2 Amphibious trucks: 24 Trucks: 58	Budunda to Chermkhovskoye	Judging from the times that these two units were observed, they are separate units.

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Area	Date	Military Strength Moved	Area of Movement	Remarks
Front near Sun-wu along the Amur River (Cont'd)	19 Jun	Tractors: 16 Trailers: 39 Trucks: 8	From Cheromkhovskoye to Budunda	
	16 Jun-19 Jun	Soldiers: about 2,350 Antitank guns: over 14 Regimental guns: over 14 Trucks: 43 Provision wagons: 165	From the Deim, New Petrovskoe and Kanstantinovskiy Regions to the Gilchin and Semidormka Regions	It is observed that these were round trip movements of the same units.
	21 Jun	Infantry: 840 Cavalry: 45 12-cm howitzers: 4 Regimental guns: 10 Antitank guns: 2 Provision wagons: 49	From Gilchin toward Konstantinovskiy and Semidormka	
Front near Manchouli	17 Jun	Cavalry: about 40 Artillery: about 1 regiment (Guns drawn by 6 horses: 21; guns drawn by 4 horses: 13) Ammunition wagons: 20 Baggage wagons: 56	Movement southward along the railroad from Dauriya to Sharasun	The advance of motorized artillery units into the border areas deserves attention. However, we are cognizant of movements in the opposite direction as well as movements toward the border.
	18 Jun	Artillery: about 2 battalions	From Dauriya to Kharanov	

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Area	Date	Military Strength Moved	Area of Movement	Remarks
Front Near Manchouli (Contd)	18 Jun	Soldiers: 80 Ammunition wagons and unidentified tractor-drawn guns: 26 Passenger vehicles: 4 Others	From Matsiyevskaya towards Abagaytuy	
	19 Jun	Motorized howitzers: 8 Tractors: 4 Others	From Dauriya to Matsiyevskaya	
	19 Jun	Antiaircraft guns: 8 Antiaircraft machine cannon: 10 Trucks: 27	From Hsiao-chin Barracks to Abagaytuy	

Notes

This chart is composed mainly of material taken from telegraphic reports. Consequently, further investigation is necessary to determine the accuracy of the numbers.

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PRINCIPAL MANEUVERS

Table 3

Area	Units Engaged in Maneuvers	Date	Activities	Remarks
	Lt-Gen Parushimar, Commander of the Maritime Krai Army Group	Since 1 Jun	Inspection of various organic units (Army Report)	On 19 Jun, Parushimar departed from Olga by guard boat for Preobrazhenya Bay
East	Guard Sector Unit No 3 near Plotonovka (Organic unit of Advance Detachment 69)	14 Jun	Execution of maneuvers in cooperation with guard boats, airplanes, and posts for notification and communication of anti-aircraft observation (Army Report)	
	Red Army units	15 Jun	Execution of landing operations (defense) on Cape Murmolone in Poset Bay (Reconnaissance in Eastern USSR)	
	Maritime Krai Army Group	Since 18 Jun	Maneuvers scheduled in the area East of Lake Khanka and north of the Santa Kheza River (Army Report)	It has been reported that the Twenty-fifth Army Hq is in Nikolaevsk for the maneuvers and that it will close after three months and return to Vovoshilov. (Spy Report)
North	Organic air units of the Eleventh Air Army	Since 4 Jun	Flight activities of planes which seem to be beginning maneuvers have been postponed until 17 Jun. About 180 planes (Rcn in Eastern USSR)	
	Second Army	Since 17 Jun	Maneuvers begun (Maritime Report)	Considerable activity in the movement of military units along the Amur River near Sun-wu since 16 Jun (Refer to Table 2)
West	Air defense units in Transbaikai Region	9 Jun	Moved into N-1 dispositions (Navy Report)	Air defense maneuvers were carried out
	Organic units of the Transbaikai Front	19 Jun	Front Hq issued air defense alarm signals to organic units (Army Report)	

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